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1. SUMMARY: REFTEL CONTAINS REPORT OF CCD PLENARY ON
AUGUST 8 AND TRILATERAL STATEMENT ON STATUS OF CTB NEGOTIA-
TIONS. AT CCD PLENARY ON AUGUST 10, DUTCH REP EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH TREATMENT OF NUCLEAR ISSUES AND CAT AT
SSOD, STATED INTENTION TO PURSUE DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR INTER-
NATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY, AND VOICED HOPE THAT CTB
REVIEW PROCEDURE ENVISAGED IN TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD
NOT RESULT IN AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF THE TREATY UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. YUGOSLAV REP STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF
SSOD, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, DISARMAMENT/DEVELOPMENT LINK,
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RIGHT TO ACCESS TO NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, AND ROLE OF UN IN
DISARMAMENT. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED NEED TO CONSIDER CTB IN
CCD AND TO MODIFY METHOD OF WORK TO BE FOLLOWED IN CD TO
GIVE CD MORE INITIATIVE IN UNDERTAKING NEGOTIATIONS.
CANADIAN REP SPOKE OF NEED TO HALT NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BY
CONCLUDING CTB, HALTING FLIGHT TESTS OF NEW STRATEGIC
DELIVERY VEHICLES, CUTOFF OF PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE

MATERIALS, AND LIMITING AND THEN REDUCING MILITARY BUDGETS. HE ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF LIMITING CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND CONCLUDED BY URGING US/UK/USSR TO PRESS ON WITH CTB WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. ETHIOPIAN REP, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 15, EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PROGRESS OF CTB NEGOTIATIONS AND CALLED FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL CCD MEMBERS IN RESOLUTION OF REMAINING ISSUES. BULGARIAN REP COMMENTED ON CTB STATUS REPORT, PRAISED ROLE OF USSR, AND NOTED USSR HAD TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STEPS BY ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY OSI'S, AGREEMENT TO JOIN CTB WITH ONLY THREE PARTIES (US, USSR, UK), AND AGREEMENT ON MORATORIUM ON PNE'S. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN AT NEWS REPORTS OF CHANGE IN US CTB POSITION. CCD ACTING CHAIRMAN AND SOVREP BOTH PRAISED CONTRIBUTIONS OF POLISH REP WHO IS DEPARTING. CCD NOTED PROGRESS REPORT OF AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP, AGREED TO PARTICIPATION OF WMO REP IN GROUP, AND EXPRESSED HOPE CD WOULD CONTINUE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED BY AD HOC GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. CCD PLENARY OF AUGUST 8, WHICH INCLUDES FULL TEXT OF US/UK/USSR STATEMENT ON STATUS OF CTB NEGOTIATIONS, WAS REPORTED BY REFTEL.

3. DUTCH REP (FEIN) MADE STATEMENT EXPRESSING PLEASURE THAT SSOD RESULTED IN CONSENSUS DOCUMENT, BUT REGISTERING DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SECTIONS DEALING WITH NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RACE, NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. NOTING THAT THE DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY HAD RECEIVED INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION AT SSOD, FEIN STATED DUTCH WISH TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT AND ADDED THEY BELIEVE SUCH AN AGENCY WILL BE REGARDED AS ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE IN A FEW YEARS. COMMENTING ON TRILATERAL CTB STATEMENT OF AUGUST 8 (REFTEL), FEIN STATED HE HOPED THE REVIEW PROCEDURE "...ENSURES THAT THE TREATY WILL NOT CEASE TO FUNCTION AUTOMATICALLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS." FEIN ALSO CALLED UPON THE US AND USSR TO PERMIT BEGINNING OF MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF CW CONVENTION.

4. YUGOSLAV REP (AMB. LALOVIC) MADE STATEMENT WHICH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SSOD AND TOUCHED UPON FOLLOWING ISSUES:

-- THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES IN DISARMAMENT,

-- THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT,

-- THE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO USE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY
FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION,

-- CENTRAL ROLE OF THE UN IN DISARMAMENT.

LALOVIC PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON DIS-
ARMAMENT, WELCOMED THE EXPANSION IN MEMBERSHIP AND THE
CLOSER LIAISON BETWEEN THE CD AND THE UN, BUT STATED THAT
THE "METHOD OF WORK" OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD CHANGE TO
PROVIDE FOR REAL INITIATIVES ORIGINATING IN THE COMMITTEE
AS OPPOSED TO WAITING FOR ACTION BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.
LALOVIC ENDED STATEMENT BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT A CTB COULD

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BE CONSIDERED BY CCD AND NOT LEFT AS A LEGACY TO CD.

5. STATEMENT OF CANADIAN REP (JAY) NOTED IT WAS TOO SOON
TO EVALUATE OUTCOME OF SSOD WITH CONFIDENCE. HE REITER-
ATED CANADIAN POSITION THAT HIGHEST PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN
TO HALTING NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND REPEATED FOLLOWING FOUR
POINTS FROM P.M. TRUDEAU'S SSOD STATEMENT CALLING FOR:

-- A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN,

-- AGREEMENT TO STOP FLIGHT-TESTING OF ALL NEW
STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES,

-- CUTOFF OF PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR
WEAPONS PURPOSES,

-- AGREEMENT TO LIMIT AND REDUCE MILITARY SPENDING ON
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NEW STRATEGIC WEAPONS.

JAY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTROLLING CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS, NOTING THAT SUCH ARMS ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 80 PERCENT
OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES AND HAVE INFLECTED OVER 25 MILLION
FATALITIES SINCE 1945. JAY ENDED HIS STATEMENT BY EXPRES-
SING IMPATIENCE WITH SLOW PROGRESS ON CTB AND URGED US, UK,
AND USSR TO "...PRESS ON WITH THEIR PART OF THE INTERNA-
TIONAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS (ON CTB) WITH A MINIMUM OF
FURTHER DELAY."

6. ETHIOPIAN REP (AMB. TERREFE), SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
GROUP OF 15 RE TRILATERAL STATEMENT ON CTB (REFTEL)
EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PROGRESS ON
THIS ISSUE AND TOOK EXCEPTION TO US/UK/USSR POSITION THAT
ATTEMPTS TO DESCRIBE REMAINING DIFFICULTIES ON CTB NEGOTIA-
TIONS COULD COMPLICATE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. HE CALLED FOR
PARTICIPATION OF OTHER CCD MEMBERS "ON AN EQUAL FOOTING"
IN RESOLUTION OF REMAINING ISSUES.

7. BULGARIAN REP (VOUTOV) ALSO COMMENTED ON TRILATERAL
CTB STATEMENT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AN AGREED DRAFT
TREATY WOULD BE READY SOON. VOUTOV PRAISED THE SOVIET
UNION AND STEPS IT HAD TAKEN TOWARDS MEETING WESTERN
POSITION IN THESE KEY AREAS:

-- ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY ON-SITE INSPECTIONS,

-- AGREEMENT TO JOIN A CTB EVEN IF ONLY THE THREE
NEGOTIATING PARTNERS SIGN INITIALLY,

-- AGREEMENT ON MORATORIUM ON PNE'S.

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VOUTOV CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING CONCERN AT NEWS FROM US
ABOUT A REPORTED CHANGE IN US POSITION ON KEY ASPECTS OF

A CTB.

8. ZAIRE REP (BINTU-TSHIABOLA) WHO WAS ACTING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 799TH PLENARY AND SOV REP (LIKHATCHEV) BOTH NOTED THAT POLISH REP (AMB. WYZNER) HAS BEEN REASSIGNED AND PRAISED HIS CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

9. ENDING A WEEK OF DISAGREEMENT ON COMPETENCE OF CCD TO DEAL WITH REPORT OF AD HOC SEISMIC GROUP COMMITTEE NOTED THE REPORT AND DECIDED TO INCLUDE IT IN CCD REPORT TO UNGA. CCD AGREED TO AD HOC COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO INVITE REP OF WMO TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF AD HOC GROUP AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CD WOULD CONTINUE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED BY GROUP, I.E., TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING IN FEB/MAR 1979 AND CONSIDER EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR GROUP'S FINAL REPORT.

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